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## REMEMBERING GOV. GEORGE SINNER

Funeral services were held for former Gov. George "Bud" Sinner Friday morning in Fargo. Sinner served two four-year terms as North Dakota's 29th governor, from 1985 to 1992, after serving in the state Legislature. Born in Fargo and raised in Casselton, he received a degree in philosophy from St. John's University in Minnesota in 1950 and served in the U.S. Air Force in 1950-51. Governor Burgum, First Lady Kathryn and Lt. Gov. Sanford extend their deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to his wife, Jane, the entire Sinner family and all those touched by his incredible legacy.

# DIVERSION DIALOGUE CONTINUES

Collaboration on the FM Diversion between Gov. Burgum and Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton continued on Monday as the two governors spoke at length about next steps for the project. The conversation is part of an ongoing commitment by both governors to open and honest dialogue in order to secure long-term flood protection for the Fargo-Moorhead area.

On Friday, the Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Board of Authority voted unanimously to accept all recommendations from the F-M Area Flood Diversion Task Force formed by Burgum and Dayton and officially submit a new permit application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.



## MAIN STREET TOUR STOPS IN VELVA

Main Street visits continued this week when Lt. Gov. Sanford and Department of Commerce staff stopped in Velva. The visit started with an address to the Velva Association of Commerce, followed by a stakeholder round table discussion and community tour. Monday's visit is part of a joint commitment by the Governor's Office and Commerce Department to visit all communities who sign up to participate in the administration's Main Street Initiative. Velva marks the 14th Main Street community visited.



## PRAYER BREAKFAST HELD IN BISMARCK



Lt. Gov. Sanford and Second Lady Sandi Sanford helped open this year's Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Bismarck. The annual event drew a crowd of more than 200 to hear from keynote speaker Mike Sime. Sime is the president/CEO and co-owner of Rapid Packaging and Berg Bag, a national distributor of packaging materials, shipping supplies and packaging equipment headquartered in Minneapolis. He currently serves on the board of trustees for Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation along with First Lady Kathryn Helgaas Burgum.



## LT. GOV. WELCOMES TRIBAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Lt. Gov. Sanford was also on hand to welcome attendees to the 2018 American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference in Bismarck. AIHEC represents and advocates for all 36 tribal colleges and universities across the country. The event brought together future leaders of Indian Country and serves as a national gathering and training ground for native youths. Students engaged in competitions designed to foster strong academic achievements in STEM, history, literature and the arts.